

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/750,688
Attorney Docket No. Q62534

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claim 6 has been amended. Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. The rejections are respectfully submitted to be obviated in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to neither a “process” nor a “machine.” Applicant has editorially amended claim 6 to improve clarity. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 are respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

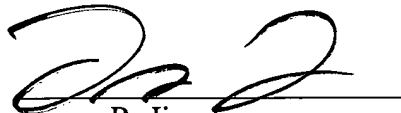
Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has editorially amended claim 6 to improve clarity. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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